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## Dossier of a 'Moderate' Iranian

**H**ashemi Rafsanjani, the Iranian leader the White House believed was "moderate" enough to do business with, has been deeply involved in Iranian-sponsored terrorism, and still is.

Rafsanjani, speaker of the Tehran parliament, was the Iranian behind the Reagan administration's arms-for-hostages deal. President Reagan, Lt. Col. Oliver L. North and others in Washington were convinced during the 1985-86 "initiative" that Rafsanjani was not only sensible but anxious to improve relations with the United States and the West.

But he is not, and never was. We've compiled our own dossier on Rafsanjani, from CIA and other intelligence sources as well as Iranian sources. This is what we've learned:

- Rafsanjani supervises the Iranian government's cooperation with Hezbollah, the Shiite extremist group that still holds American hostages and which has been behind almost every anti-American act of terrorism in the Middle East since April 1983.

Hezbollah's Tehran office is in a building at No. 1-61 on a street known as Akabar Restaurant, near Nistan Seventh Avenue, in the northern Tehran neighborhood of Saltanabad.

The Hezbollah leader in charge there is Haj-Hossein Shami; his deputy is Abdulrahman Ghaysar. Shami usually keeps in touch with Hezbollah headquarters in Lebanon by courier, though he spent 10 days there early last month.

Rafsanjani uses as a go-between a Lebanese man in the Iranian Hezbollah office by the name of Abuiman. The Eighth Bureau of the Iranian

Information Ministry also has connections with the office.

A recent contact between the Tehran office and an Iranian official based in Lebanon identified only as Khaksar included open boasting about "pulling off" recent terrorist bombings in Italy.

- Rafsanjani has bragged publicly about Iran's connection to the hostage kidnappings. On April 3 he said in a prayer sermon: "We rendered the French so abject that they begged us. They said, 'We will expel the Mujaheddin.' " He was referring to the expulsion from France of Massoud Rajavi, leader of the People's Mujaheddin, the largest and most effective anti-Khomeini group.

- Rafsanjani had his one-time personal pilot, Ali-Akbar Mohammadi, murdered in Hamburg last Jan. 16. Having received political asylum in West Germany, Mohammadi had denounced Rafsanjani and the Khomeini regime on television. He was gunned down by two men as he was returning home from taking his daughter to kindergarten.

- Ahmad Kanani, expelled from Tunisia on March 29 for terrorist activity, is a known protege of Rafsanjani. From 1982 to 1984 Kanani directed terrorism from offices in Syria and Lebanon.

- Iran's budget for terrorism, called "aid to the people of Southern Lebanon," is approved by Rafsanjani. The amount budgeted for 1986-87 is about a billion rials, or \$12.5 million.

- Finally, Rafsanjani is believed to have engineered the hijacking of an Air France plane in August 1983. Only two months earlier, he had openly threatened to crack French airline security.

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